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TAHC Fire Response Updates

Monday September 19, 2011

As response activities begin to shift to recovery activities, TAHC personnel in affected counties will continue to assess the needs of livestock and the animal holding facilities in the affected areas as well as continue to provide information and assistance in carcass disposal operations.

Work continues at existing Livestock Supply Points to provide hay and feed to affected producers, supported by industry groups such as Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA,) Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA,) local livestock deputies, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the AgriLife Extension Agents.

The Bastrop Animal Shelter & Livestock Supply Point is still active.

Saturday, September 17, 2011

TAHC personnel in Waller, Bastrop and Cass counties continue to assess the needs of livestock and the animal holding facilities in the affected areas as well as continue to provide information and assistance in carcass disposal operations.

Work continued at Livestock Supply Points to provide hay and feed to affected producers, supported by industry groups such as Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA,) Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA,) local livestock deputies, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the AgriLife Extension Agents.

Thursday September 15, 2011

With dry conditions across the state, fires continue to affect producers. Currently the Bastrop County Complex fire has burned 34,000 acres and destroyed over 1,500 homes. It is considered to be 70% contained. The fire in Cass and Marion Counties is reported to have burned over 41,000 acres, with 96 homes destroyed. The fire in Montgomery, Waller and Grimes County has burned 18,946 acres and is considered to be 85% contained.

Many of the residents in the affected areas of Bastrop and Waller/Montgomery/Grimes were allowed to return to their properties today.

TAHC personnel in Waller, Bastrop and Cass counties continued to assess the needs of livestock and the animal holding facilities in the affected areas as well as continue to provide information and assistance in carcass disposal operations.

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In Bastrop County, plans are being made to return the majority of sheltered animals to their owners by the weekend and TAHC equipment has been demobilized from the Lost Pines Arena and the Bastrop County Rodeo Arena. The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Emergency Team (VET) will be demobilized from Bastrop County on September 16, 2011.

Work continued at Livestock Supply Points to provide hay and feed to affected producers, supported by industry groups such as Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA,) Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA,) local livestock deputies, TX Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) TDA and the AgriLife Extension Agents.

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

All agencies and industry partners continue to have dedicated personnel in the affected areas working to meet the needs of producers impacted by the wildfires.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) continued to support the wildfire response in Bastrop, Cass, and Waller counties. Response activities centered on coordination to meet needs of displaced livestock, assistance with carcass disposal issues, and support to hay & feed distribution activities of Texas Agrilife personnel. TAHC is providing daily updates to the State Operations Center (SOC) for the statewide situation report.

The Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET) is winding down activities in Bastrop County and continues work with local veterinarians.

Work continued at Livestock Supply Points to provide hay and feed to affected producers, supported by industry groups such as Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA,) Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA,) local livestock deputies, TX Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the Texas AgriLife Extension Agents.

Monday, September 12, 2011

According to Dr. Holly Poremski, Staff Veterinarian, "TAHC responders continued working in Bastrop, Cass, and Waller and surrounding counties today. Activities centered on coordination to meet needs of displaced livestock; establishment, evaluation and troubleshooting of animal holding facilities; and support to hay & feed distribution activities of Texas AgriLife personnel. TAHC is providing daily updates to the State Operations Center (SOC). Residents are beginning to re-enter affected areas of Bastrop County. The Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET) relocated to the Bastrop Rodeo Arena at the request of the sheriff's office and animal control to assist with triage and stabilizing care of animals in Bastrop during the re-entry process. Work continued at the Bastrop Rodeo Arena Livestock Supply point to provide hay and feed to affected producers, and was supported by industry groups such as Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA,) Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA,) the local livestock deputies, and the local AgriLife Extension Agent."

